

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Special Monthly Board Meeting  
**East Sacramento Room – Clunie Clubhouse**  
January 6, 2020 – 5:30 pm

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** *Paul Noble, Val Siebel, Tricia Stevens, Chris Little, Kathy Mannion, Nick Kufasimas, Megan Blackwell, Ann Murphy, Daniel Lapham, Brian Holloway*

**Members absent:** *Tom Griffith, Kyle Mickiewicz, Clint Beers*

**Guest Presentations – invited guests and ESIA members welcome**

1. Jeff Harris, District 3 Councilmember, will describe the proposal to convert the Motel 6 on Alhambra Boulevard into a homeless shelter and answer questions.

*Councilmember Harris first provided an update on the Sutter's Landing bathroom. He also gave an update on Measure G which he opposes.*

*Harris provided an overview of the Motel 6 conversion to a homeless shelter. Key points include:*

- *It would be operated initially as interim shelter for 18 months with the goal of converting to permanent housing, similar to Capital Park.*
- *The City lacks many tools for addressing homelessness and can't accommodate more people unless beds are available.*
- *Capitol Park does not receive many complaints and is managed by Volunteers of America. It is not a lockdown facility and they have not experienced on-site drug sales. Many services are provided.*
- *SHRA provided a list of distressed motels, including Motel 6. Motel 6 has a long history for drugs and prostitution.*
- *\$10 million in funds are available once Capitol Park is converted to permanent housing.*
- *Motel 6 would not be low barrier. The City will need a management plan from Volunteers of America with many services.*
- *Navigation to shelters would go through Sacramento Steps Forward.*
- *Railroad facility is low barrier and many lessons have been learned; mixed reviews on its success.*
- *The Alhambra X will be low barrier and is planned to open this spring. City needs to manage street feeding.*
- *Camping would not be allowed within ¼ radius of Motel 6, if it is converted to a shelter..*
- *Harris' idea for addressing homelessness is to take a multifaceted approach with dispersal throughout the City; difficult to have large shelters that serve large numbers.*

- *The proposal is in its early planning stages. He is not sure if the deal with Motel 6 will actually happen.*
- *He will have community outreach and will have answers to questions about operations and management.*

**Business Session – ESIA members welcome – 6:10 pm**

2. Minutes of December 9, 2019 Board meeting – Tricia

*Motion: Motion by Chris, second by Brian to approve minutes with one correction. Unanimous vote.*

3. Treasurer’s Report – Brian  
*No report.*

4. Reports from standing subcommittees:

- Land Use - Tricia
- Membership - Annie
- Community Amenities - Kathy
- Neighborhood Safety – Nick

*The Board deferred committee reports to the next meeting.*

**Executive Board Session – ESIA board members only – 6:20 pm**

**Old Business**

4. Possible additions/changes to subcommittee membership

*Val: Land Use*

*Daniel: Safety*

*Clint: Amenities*

6. Membership drive progress report

*New total is 173 members. Twenty-two paid memberships from December 9.*

**New Business**

7. Discussion of Motel 6 proposal

*The Board would like to do a tour of Capitol Park and agreed to continue to investigate. This item was referred to the Safety Committee for investigation.*

8. Monthly e-newsletter – Tricia (See attached email.)

**Motion:** Motion by Tricia, second by Daniel, to start a monthly e-blast to members. Unanimous vote.

Megan agreed to pull together short articles upon submittal by other Board members. Tentatively agreed to call it ESIA Essentials. Items for first blast include:

- Motel 6 - Tricia
- Land use projects - Tricia
- Leaf pickup and any other general East Sac news – Kathy
- Membership: Reminder for renewal and promotion of new memberships. Include our initiative to distribute flyers to East Sac residents - Annie

9. Addition of Membership Coordinator to list of Board officers

*Add Annie to roster as Membership Coordinator*

10. Holiday brew bikes in East Sacramento – Tom (*deferred to next month*)

11. Open

*Water use legislation – Nick. Investigate further and report back at next meeting.*

*Kathy asked whether we should take a position on Measure G? Consider at next meeting.*

**Adjourn 7:15 pm**